

# Golden Eagle News

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## What's Up?

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## A Note from the Principal:

At this point over 40% of the vote has been counted and it appears that the Technology Levy may pass. We are hopeful this is the case as the levy will provide much needed support for our high schools.

Technology is no longer a fringe benefit in the schools, but a critical tool for education and communication. We rely on our IMS system to give parents and students current information on grades, attendance, assessment scores and progress towards graduation requirements. In addition, we rely on technology to deliver targeted remediation and instructional support. With the new media carts that the levy will put in every classroom, teachers will literally have access to any country, helping them to deliver the most current data, research and information from scientific organizations, history museums and art galleries around the world.

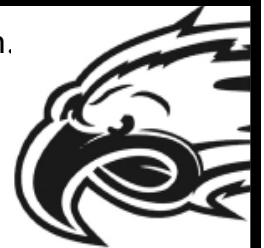
If the trend continues and the levy passes, we can only thank our voters for their support of education. It is a worthwhile investment. Our children are the future.

Dawn Fairchild

## Mark Your Calendar!

March 27 and 28  
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April 7-11  
April 14  
April 26  
May 5  
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Parent Conferences - Early Dismissal - 11:10 a.m.  
Scoliosis Screening  
Spring Break - No School  
School Resumes  
Prom  
Latino Night - Room 101 - 5:30 -7:00 p.m.  
Parent Forum - Room 503 - 7:00-8:00 p.m.



## Class fees for second semester now due!

All class fees for second semester are now due. If you student is taking an industrial technology, ceramics, art or a photographics class, there is a fee. Check IMS to see if your student has a balance owing or contact the ASB Office at 383.9281.

ASB Student Store is now selling school supplies! The student store now sells a variety of quality, affordable school supplies. Check out the school website or contact the ASB Office at 383.9281 for more information.

## Returning Athletes Sports Physicals

There will be a returning athlete's sports physical night on Wed, May 28, 2008. Cost to register is \$10.00. Students must pickup an eligibility packet and return the completed packet along with the payment to the Athletic Office at Ferndale High School. At that time, we can sign the students up for an appointment. This is for returning athletes only, incoming freshman are required to have a full physical. If you would like further information please contact the Athletic Office at 383-9249.

## Health Counts: Community Conversations

Wednesday, May 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Ferndale High School Cafeteria, 5830 Golden Eagle Drive, Ferndale

Whatcom County Health Department invites you to a community forum and to give input about health issues that matter to you. Perhaps you are passionate about water quality, health care access for all, good nutrition, oral health, emergency preparedness or another health issue. The purpose of the forum is to generate ideas on how to make Whatcom County a healthier place.

To register send name, address, phone and "event no. 333000" to [health@whatcomcounty.us](mailto:health@whatcomcounty.us) or call 676-6724.

## Awards

The following Ferndale High School Winter Athletic teams received WIAA academic awards. Distinguished award winners had a team GPA from 3.0-3.49. Outstanding award winners had a team GPA of 3.5 and above.

Boy C Basketball	Distinguished	3.180	Coach Mike Ivy
Girls C Basketball	Distinguished	3.332	Coach Amanda Blue
Boys JV Basketball	Distinguished	3.380	Coach Anthony Smith
Girls JV Basketball	Distinguished	3.316	Coach Pat McSweeney
Girls Varsity Basketball	Distinguished	3.353	Coach Pat Foley
Cheer	Distinguished	3.370	Coach Nancy Garr
			Coach Jen Roddel
Wrestling	Distinguished	3.223	Coach Erick Stevens

## Flashes from FHS Ceramics

Ferndale High Ceramics students currently have a show at GOOD EARTH POTTERY in Fairhaven. There are over 20 pieces done here at Ferndale High. The show is in the front window and inside the gallery. There will be an Artist reception on March 22, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Music will be provided by our own Cole Melcher and Eli Watson. Please stop by and enjoy the beautiful works from our students.

### Pottery Night is Back!

Your students who are enrolled in ceramics or had it last semester can come in on Wednesday evenings and work from 5:30-8:30. This time is designed for students to have extra time to develop ideas and perfect their craft. It is a positive and safe environment for your children to spend time. Any concerned questions please call Ann Marie DeCollibus @ 383-9315.

### Lab Fees

Please have your Ceramic and Art students pay their lab fees at the ASB office. These fees help to pay for the materials used in classes.

### Special Thanks to ioCreative in Ferndale

Seth Murphy and his partners at IOcreative have been extremely generous with their space for FHS Ceramics. As many of you have noticed they have allowed students to display their Ceramic work year long in their office front. The show will change this April. Senior April Reeves has been organizing a new show for her Culminating Project. Seth has offered to be her mentor and is being very generous with his staff by printing posters and invitations from April's designs. Please keep your eyes open and be prepared to come down to the opening and meet the student artists. IOcreative is anew design firm in town and is very much interested in working with our students. We are very thankful for their support. Tentative date for the show opening is April 15th from 4:00-7:00 pm.

## Substitute Bus Drivers

Ferndale School District is looking for substitute bus drivers. Interested persons should contact Ms. Ruth Bergman, Driver Trainer, at 383-9236, for details.



### We need your help!

- ◆ Volunteer to be a panelist for our senior Culminating Project!
- ◆ May 22 and/or 23, 2008...FHS
- ◆ 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
- ◆ **You will be impressed!**

Call the Career Center @ 360-383-9548 **OR** email us:  
avadnais@ferndale.wednet.edu

# FRESHMAN STUDENTS ONLY

## Scoliosis Screening for Grade 9

Dear Parents:

On March 27 and 28, 2008 your school nurses and/or P.E. teachers will screen students to check for scoliosis. Scoliosis is a side-to-side curve of the spine. The purpose of this screening is to recognize, at the earliest stages, any deviation from normal so that the need for referral for treatment can be determined. We provide scoliosis screening as required by law for school students in the State of Washington, at FHS in grade 9.

The procedure is a very simple one. Students are asked to stand with their back to the examiner and then they bend forward at the waist as the back is examined (Adams Maneuver). Boys and girls are screened separately. Each student is given some privacy from the other students. If scoliosis is suspected, you will be notified in writing, so that you can request an evaluation from your own physician.

9th grade students are screened during their P.E. classes, if they do not have a P.E. class and you want your child screened you may schedule a screening appointment for your child, please contact our school nurses through the school office

You may refuse screening for your child by checking one of the exemptions below and returning the signed form directly to the school office. **If you child is absent, refuses to be screened, or doesn't show up to the screening area he/she will not be screened, unless you schedule a make-up appointment.**

**It is important that you follow-up with your child on the evening of the screening to ascertain if they were screened, as only suspected cases will be referred in writing.**

Sincerely,

*Dawn Fairchild*  
Principal

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please do not screen my child for spinal curvature as it conflicts with my personal, religious or philosophical beliefs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please do not screen my child for spinal curvature as he/she is presently under the care of a health care provider for spinal curvature or a related condition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Signed exemption forms must be delivered to the school on or before the day of screening.*

## College Test Dates

Juniors planning on attending a four-year university or college must take a college assessment test. Please refer to the dates below and register. You can pick up a registration packet in the counseling office or register on line at [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) or [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org).

### SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)

Test Date	Registration Deadline
<b>*May 3, 2008</b>	<b>March 12, 2008</b>
June 7, 2008	April 16, 2008
<b>*October 4, 2008</b>	TBA
November 1, 2008	TBA
December 6, 2008	TBA

FEE: \$43.00, LATE FEE: \$65.00

### ACT (American College Test)

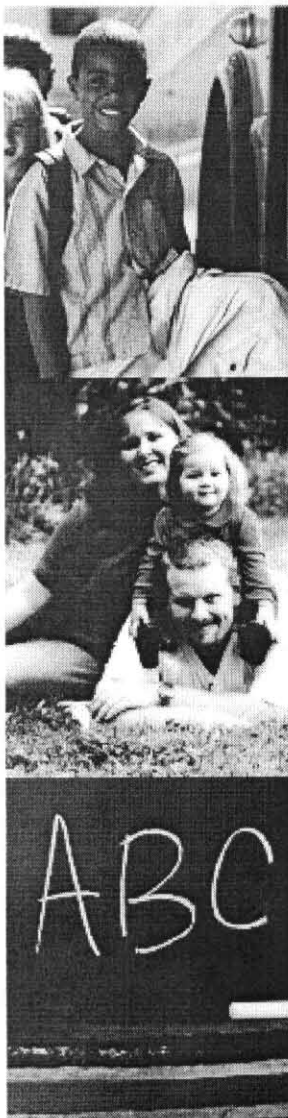
Test Date	Registration Deadline
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008
<b>*June 14, 2008</b>	<b>May 9, 2008</b>
September 13, 2008	TBA
October 25, 2008	TBA
December 13, 2008	TBA

Fee:	No writing	\$30.00
	Plus Writing	\$44.50
Late Fee:	add \$19.00 to test fee	

If you have any questions, please call the FHS Counseling Office at 383-9252.

**\*Test to be administered at Ferndale High School**

# Healthy Kids *are Better Learners*



## **Cover All Kids by 2010** **Washington State's Commitment to Families**

In 2005 and again in 2007, laws were passed to recognize that "the health of the children of Washington State is critical to their success in school and throughout their lives." A commitment was made to work towards the goal "that all children in the state of Washington have health care coverage by 2010."

### Cost is a problem

Regardless of income, most families are personally experiencing the increasing costs of healthcare. For some, it is an increase in insurance premiums. For others, it is a bigger deductible or an employer who simply can't afford to provide health benefits.

### All families have healthcare needs

Whether it's about annual physicals and immunizations, the occasional antibiotic, a chronic illness, or an unforeseen emergency, families want to know they are covered.

### One practical solution

A new, innovative program helps families purchase private employer health insurance for their children. The program is meant to help working families who often cannot afford the monthly premiums to insure their children.

### Could this program help your family?

For more information about the Premium Payment program or other private and public insurance plans, **call WAHA at 788-6594**. WAHA is a nonprofit, community service. They do not sell insurance or provide health services. They are simply committed to giving families impartial information to make complicated healthcare choices simpler.

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Contact WAHA for more information: [www.WhatcomAlliance.org](http://www.WhatcomAlliance.org)    [WAHA@hinet.org](mailto:WAHA@hinet.org)    788-6594



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